



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D C 20463

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JUN 20 2005

Jeffrey S. Smith
2650 Anthony Court
Easton, Pennsylvania 18045

RE: MUR 5545
Dan Rather, CBS News, CBS, Viacom, Inc.

Dear Mr. Smith:

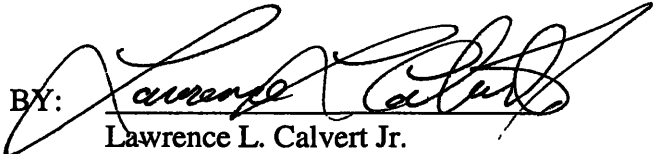
On June 7, 2005, the Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in your complaint dated September 27, 2004, and found that on the basis of the information provided in your complaint and on other publicly available information, there is no reason to believe Dan Rather, CBS News, CBS or Viacom, Inc., violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). Accordingly, on June 8, 2005, the Commission closed the file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003). A copy of the dispositive General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information. A Statement of Reasons by one or more Commissioners may follow shortly.

The Act allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton
General Counsel

BY: 

Lawrence L. Calvert Jr.
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Enclosure: General Counsel's Report

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